

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2394
ANSWERED ON:08.12.2005
GAUGE CONVERSION
Barman Shri Hiten

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of rail sections/routes in West Bengal and Assam where gauge conversion works are going on at present;
- (b) the details of financial allocations made for the purpose during each of the last three years; (
- (c) the total expenditure incurred so far on the respective routes and the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon; and
- (d) the time scheduled for completion of these projects?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R.VELU)

(a) to (d) : A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION No.2394 BY SHRI HITEN BARMAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 08.12.2005 REGARDING GAUGE CONVERSION

(a) to (d): The details of these projects are as under:-

(Rs. in crore)

S. No	Name of project	Anticipated cost	Actual expenditure during 2002-03	Actual expenditure during 2003-04	Actual expenditure during 2004-05	Actual outlay 2005-06	Balance to completion, expenditure incurred	Status/target date for completion, wherever fixcd.
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West Bengal

1	New Jalpaiguri-Siliguri-New Bongaigaon including linked branch lines.	891	139.35	182	99.67	10	469.81	New Jalpaiguri-Fakiragram completed, while Fakiragram-New Bongaigaon is nearing completion. The conversion of branch line from
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(Partly in Assam) Alipurduar-Bamanhat has also been taken up.

2	Bankura-Damodar River Project GC, Bowaichandi-Khanna Rainagar-Chanchai NL & up. Bankura-Mukutmanipur NL	158.16	11.27	25.24	32.63	23	89.02	Bankura-Sonamukhi completed, while work on rest of the section has been taken NL,
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3 Katihar- 402.98 33.5 63.85 89.71 20.5 215.96 Barsoi-Radhikapur
 Jogbani and targeted for
 Katihar-Barsoi- completion in
 Radhikapur) 2005-06. Work
 (Suppl.) on rest of the
 section has
 been taken up.

Assam

4 Katakhal- 88.7 Work would be
 Bairabhi taken up once
 (Suppl.) Lumding-Silchar
 is completed.

5 Lumding- 882.12 23.12 6.12 2 852.88 Lumding-Dibrugarh
 Dibrugarh with with linked fingers,
 linked fingers completed and
 Haibargaon- commissioned.
 Mairabari
 (44.8 kms) and
 Senchoa Jn.-
 Silghat Town
 (61.85 kms).

6 Lumding- 1823 70.62 79.75 74.65 70 1597.98 Work targeted
 Silchar for completion
 including by March,
 alignment 2009.
 between
 Migrendisa-
 Dittockchera
 and extension
 from Badarpur
 to Bhariagram

7 Rangia- 915.7 7.96 915.7 Preliminary
 Murkongselek works are on
 alongwith hand.
 linked fingers
 (Suppl.)